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Annual Meeting of the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors on Marine Mammals

**Vancouver, Washington
28–30 August 2007**

TUESDAY, 28 AUGUST 2007

8:00 – 9:45 Executive session (closed)

9:45 – 10:15 Break

10:15 – 10:30 Welcome

10:30 – 12:15 Status and trends of West Coast marine ecosystems

Likely effects of climate change and variability

Harmful algal blooms

Human-induced changes in habitat and productivity

Anthropogenic sound in the West Coast marine environment

Discussion

12:15 – 1:45 Lunch

1:45 – 3:30 Marine mammal status and issues

Overview of stock assessment efforts

Overview of current and projected trends

Human/marine mammal interactions

Health and survival, unusual mortality events, non-lethal effects

Extending the concept of status

Discussion

3:30 – 3:50 Break

3:50 – 5:30 Current and projected management and conservation

State of California (include data and funding needs)

State of Oregon

State of Washington

National Marine Fisheries Service

Fish and Wildlife Service

5:30 – 6:00 Summary discussion of the day's topics

6:00 Adjourn for the day

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WEDNESDAY, 29 AUGUST 2007

- 8:00 – 8:30 Review of previous day’s discussions**
- 8:30 – 10:30 Growing pinniped populations on the West Coast**
Bonneville Dam and task force
Foreseeing similar issues associated with aquaculture
Overview of fishery interactions
Other interactions
Discussion
- 10:30 – 10:50 Break**
- 10:50 – 11:30 Southern sea otter in California**
Abundance and trends
Health and disease
Funding for research
Status of translocation program
Status of recovery team, common ground meetings
Discussion
- 11:30 – 12:00 Northern sea otter in Washington**
Abundance and trends
Health and disease
Transboundary coordination
Funding for research and recovery activities
Stock assessment reports
Discussion
- 12:00 – 1:30 Lunch**
- 1:30 – 2:30 Southern resident killer whales**
Research directions related to prey, disturbance, contaminants
Associated recovery actions
Discussion
- 2:30 – 3:45 Makah whaling**
Status of rulemaking to allow Makah hunt
Status of the EIS
Status of Pacific coast feeding aggregation
Makah perspective
Discussion
- 3:45 – 4:00 Break**
- 4:00 – 5:00 Tuna-dolphin issue and research in the eastern tropical**
Status of dolphin stocks
Ecosystem-based research
Funding, needs, and plans
Discussion

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5:30 Adjourn for the day

THURSDAY, 30 AUGUST 2007

8:00 – 8:30 Review of previous day's discussions

8:30 – 9:40 MMPA reauthorization

States authority
Definition of strategic stock
Polar bear trophy imports
Defining harassment: feeding and swimming with dolphins
Discussion

9:40 – 10:00 Results of the 2007 IWC meeting

Bowhead whale quota
Revised management scheme
Scientific Committee activities
Discussion

10:00 – 10:20 Break

10:20 – 11:00 Updates on Commission projects

Response to sound and cost-effectiveness reports
Monitoring of Arctic marine mammals
Rights versus privileges in marine conservation
Review of co-management efforts
Status of killer whale report
Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 Overview of federal funding for marine mammal research

11:30 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:30 Goals and objectives for FY2008 and beyond

Key issues (domestic and international)
Research priorities/directions
Role of the MMC in addressing these issues
Venues for subsequent Commission meetings

2:30 – 3:00 Closing remarks

3:00 Adjourn the meeting